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Weekly News



REMINDER- SCHOOL TELEPHONE LINE IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8.30am-4.00pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

As another busy and exciting week ends, we are delighted to share some of the fantastic learning, achievements and memorable moments that have taken place.

From outstanding classroom work to sporting successes, creative activities and special events, our children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness every day.

As we move closer to the end of the academic year, it has been wonderful to see children embracing every opportunity to learn, grow and shine. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it plays such an important role in helping our school community thrive.

We are super proud of the children who have represented us so well at events outside of school this week.



A Night to Remember at the Gala Theatre

On Wednesday evening, twenty-eight of our Year 3, 4 and 5 children took to the stage at the Gala Theatre in Durham to perform *The Feast That Went Off With a Bang*, part of Mahogany Opera's Snappy Operas project. They performed alongside four other schools and a live orchestra.

After weeks of hard work, the children were nothing short of extraordinary. Singing with a live orchestra in a professional theatre, in front of a full audience, is daunting at any age — and they rose to it magnificently.

Thank you to the many parents and families who came along to support them; seeing your faces in the crowd meant the world to the children. Special thanks, too, to Mrs Forster, Mrs McCormick and Miss Cook, who gave up their evening to accompany the children and see them safely through the performance, to Miss Haigh for all her help with the props, and to Mrs Thompson from Durham Music Service, whose guidance helped prepare them for the stage. This night simply would not have happened without them.

It was a proud evening for everyone involved, and a real credit to the children.

With thanks once again to everyone who made this project possible,
Mr Pearson



Year 5 Community Project

Class 11 and Class 12 have been busy putting their persuasive speaking skills into action as part of their Year 5 election project. After creating their own political parties, manifestos, logos and campaign promises, the children visited Newton Aycliffe town centre to speak to parents and members of the public.

The pupils confidently promoted their parties, explained the changes they would like to make in school, and shared their campaign promises with a real audience. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to practise speaking clearly, listening carefully and answering questions on the spot.

We were incredibly proud of how mature, polite and enthusiastic the children were throughout the visit. They represented Sugar Hill brilliantly and showed just how powerful pupil voice can be when children are given the chance to share their ideas.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents and carers who attended this event and to members of the public who engaged so well with our children and made this afternoon so memorable and successful.



Harvey's Cricket Success

We are so proud of Harvey representing the county for the second year playing for Durham Hawks and playing at such a high standard of cricket. Harvey played really well this week contributing with 3 wickets and not out whilst batting. Super news Harvey!



COMMUNITY LINKS



If you have any news to share in our Community Links section please email school and this will be forwarded to Mrs Legge. *Thank you.*

Transition Days for CURRENT Reception to Year 6 pupils Tuesday 14th, 15th and 16th July

Morning Arrangement Tuesday 14th July

On Tuesday 14th July the children will come into school as normal. They will be registered and then go to their new class.

Start and Finish Times for Tuesday night, Wednesday morning and night, Thursday morning and night.

Please note- Children will return to their current class for the last two days of term (17th and 20th July)

NEW YEAR GROUP and Classes	START TIME	FINISH TIME (slightly staggered to minimise congestion on Sheraton Road)
NEW YEAR 1 (Classes 3 and 4) ENTRANCE A	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
NEW YEAR 2 (Classes 5 and 6) ENTRANCE A	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm

NEW YEAR 3 (Classes 7 and 8) ENTRANCE B	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
NEW YEAR 4 (Classes 9 and 10) ENTRANCE B	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
NEW YEAR 5 (Classes 11 and 12) ENTRANCE C	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
NEW YEAR 6 (Classes 13 and 14) ENTRANCE C	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
CURRENT YEAR 6 ENTRANCE C	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.50am)	3.15pm

SAFEGUARDING IS VITAL

Senior Leaders will be at entrances as usual to ensure the start and end of the school day is as smooth as possible. Please bear with us, while staff familiarise themselves with new adults bringing and collecting children. We thank you in advance for your support.

BREAKFAST CLUB- children who attend Breakfast Club will still attend each morning as normal

Welcome Meetings for Parents and Carers- Thursday 16th July

We warmly invite parents and carers to come into school to join us in 'Welcome Meetings'. This will be an opportunity to meet new classroom staff and find out information about routines and expectations.

Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in **new Year 2, 3 and 5** at 9.15am

Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in new **Year 1, 4 and 6** at 2.15pm

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR- Summer Term 2026

Summer Term (2)

WEEK 6	SPORTS WEEK- CHILDREN TO WEAR PE KIT ALL WEEK
Monday 6 th July	
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 STEM DAY at UTC
Wednesday 8 th July	Sports Active Afternoon for Early Years children and parents/carers Nursery and Reception-1.30pm More details to follow on Tapestry
Thursday 9 th July	Sports Day- parents and carers invited Years 1 and 2- 9.30am start Years 3,4,5 and 6 -1.30pm start
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance 1.30pm Annual Reports to parents

WEEK 7	
Monday 13 th July	Brass Concert for parents ad carers of children participating in this event 9.30am (parents and carers have been sent a letter regarding this) Brass Concert for parents ad carers of children participating in this event 2.15pm (parents and carers have been sent a letter regarding this)
Tuesday 14 th July	Transition Day 1 Current Reception, Year 1,2,3,4, and 5- further information to follow New Nursery and Reception starters- please refer to the

	separate transition information sent for full details
Wednesday 15 th July	<p>Transition Day 2</p> <p>Current Reception, Year 1,2,3,4, and 5- further information to follow</p> <p>New Nursery and Reception starters- please refer to the separate transition information sent for full details</p> <p>Drums and Keyboard Performance for Parents and Carers 9.30am-Parents and Carers of children participating in this event have been sent a letter</p>
Thursday 16 th July	<p>Transition Day 3</p> <p>Current Reception, Year 1,2,3,4, and 5- further information to follow</p> <p>New Nursery and Reception starters- please refer to the separate transition information sent for full details</p> <p>Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in new Year 2, 3 and 5 at 9.10am</p> <p>Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in new Year 1, 4 and 6 at 2.30pm</p>
Friday 17 th July	Attendance Reward Day for the winning classes

WEEK 8	
Monday 20 th July	<p>Year 6 at Planet Leisure 9.15am</p> <p>Whole School Picnic Event</p> <p>Parents and Carers invited 12.30pm- a separate letter has been sent out.</p> <p>Last day of term</p>

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week as we start our countdown to the summer holidays.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge

